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Morton Grove Public Library

As the holiday season approaches...

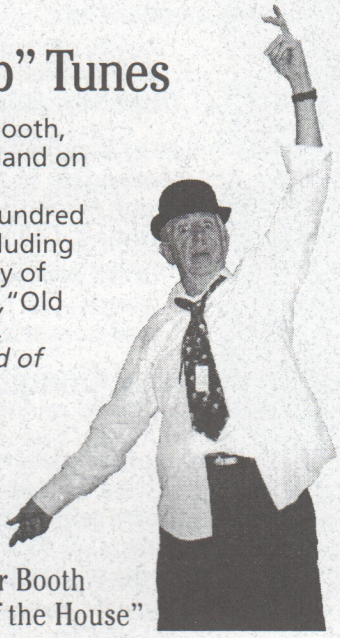
...the Morton Grove Public Library would like to thank the people who help make the Library a special place. Thank you to the volunteers who file, help process materials, monitor movies, deliver books to Bethany Terrace Nursing Home, and prepare the *Focus* for mailing. Thank you to the people and businesses who have donated money and books for the collection.

Most of all, thank you to Library patrons who read books, use the computers, attend programs, listen to recordings and videos, and search for information.

Happy Holidays from the Board and the staff of the Morton Grove Public Library!

100 Years of "Pop" Tunes

Tenor-baritone David Kear Booth, accompanied by Kathy Heetland on piano, will perform popular Broadway hits spanning a hundred years of American music, including old favorites such as "Lullaby of Broadway," from *Vaudeville,* "Old Man River," from *Showboat,* "Edelweiss," from *The Sound of Music* and "Master of the House" from *Les Miserables* on **Sunday, November 15 at 2:00 pm in the Baxter Room.**



David Kear Booth
"Master of the House"

Lyric Opera Lecture -

The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny

Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. Opera buffs will enjoy the Lyric Opera's Lecture series discussion of Kurt Weill's opera, *The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny* with guest lecturer Rochelle Klapman in the Baxter Auditorium.

Festival of Lights

Soprano Barbara Linn Bates and guitarist and baritone Richard Fammeree will perform some of the world's best-loved songs in a cabaret-style for the holidays on **Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 pm** in the Baxter Room. Join us for a sparkling and spirited afternoon of music by Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Edith Piaf, Yves Montand, and contemporary composers.

MatchBook Matches New Books With Individuals' Interests

Let the Library create a personalized monthly list of new materials tailored to your special interests. Stop by the Reader's Service Desk and check off the categories that interest you on the patron profile.

Every month you will receive a list of the materials (books, large print books, CDs, audiobooks, cassettes and videos) that match your profile, along with reviews of books. Young adult books, graphic novels, and 18 categories of fiction are included. You can even write in the names of their favorite authors and MatchBook will notify you when their newest books are ready for circulation.

Scotland Travelogue

Sample the highlights of Scotland - its food, architecture, history, culture and scenery with Myrla Brand, a veteran traveler, on **Wednesday, November 18 from 7 - 9 pm** in the Baxter Room.

Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 25: Open 9-9 (no change)

Thursday, November 26: Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27: Open 9 - 6 (no change)

Thursday, Dec. 24: Closed for Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25: Closed for Christmas Day

Thursday, December 31: Open 9 to 5 (no evening hours)

Friday, January 1: Closed for New Year's Day

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1-5

Mark your calendar!

Calendar Summary

November

11/3	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/4	We	7:30	Basic Internet Training
11/8	Su	2:00	Lyric Opera Lecture: *The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*
11/10	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/12	Th	7:00	Computer Class: Word 97
11/12	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
11/15	Su	2:00	100 Years of Pop Tunes
11/16	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *The Mask of Zorro* (PG 13)
11/17	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/18	We	7:00	Scotland Travelogue
11/24	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
11/24	Tu	7:30	Book Discussion Group: *Reviving Ophelia* by Mary Bray Pipher
11/26	Th		Library Closed for Thanksgiving

December

12/1	Tu	7:00	Introduction to Personal Computers
12/8	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/10	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
12/13	Su	2:00	Festival of Lights
12/14	Mo.	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Simon Birch* (PG)
12/15	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/22	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/24	Th		Closed for Christmas Eve
12/25	Fr		Closed for Christmas
12/29	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
12/31	Th		Library closes at 5:00 pm

Check our complete calendar on the Web at http://www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

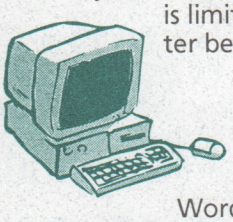
Programs

Computer Classes at the Library

Registration for computer training programs is limited. Priority is given to residents of Morton Grove with a valid library card. To register, call 965-4220 or sign-up at the Reader's Services Desk. All programs will be held in the Baxter Room.

Basic Internet: **Wednesday, November 4, 7:30 - 8:30 pm**

A lecture and demonstration on how to use the Internet will be given by Reference Coordinator Susan McGowan. Registration for this class is limited to 50 Morton Grove residents; call 965-4220 to register beginning November 2nd.



Word 97: **Thursday, November 12 from 7 - 9 pm**

Jennifer Didier of Banner Training Center will discuss Word basics, how to navigate in a document, editing techniques, character and paragraph formatting, creating tables, page appearance, and tools and printing. Call 965-4220 to register. A waiting list will be kept of non-residents who will be notified by phone if openings are available.

Introduction to Personal Computers: **Tuesday, December 1 from 7 - 9 pm**

For newcomers to the world of computers, Jennifer Didier of Banner Training Center returns to discuss different types of computers, components, categories of hardware and software, keyboards, monitors, printers, scanners, and modems. Call 965-4220 to register. A waiting list will be kept of non-residents who will be notified by phone if openings are available.

Lunch Time Movies

Pack a brown-bag lunch and head to the Library every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.** for Lunch Time Movies. Travel to far-away places, listen to thought-provoking discussions or meet historical figures during this $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour video program.

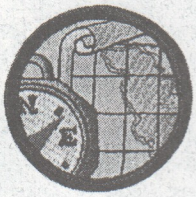
Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book group, meets **November 24 at 7:30 p.m.** to discuss *Reviving Ophelia* by Mary Bray Pipher. Copies of the book are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Reader's Service Desk.

There will not be a discussion in December; the next meeting of Thinking Out Loud will be January 26, 1999.

Kids Programs

Join the Reading Patch Club!



Read Books and Earn Patches!

The new school-year reading game has begun! Register at the Children's desk and pick up your first book review form. Choose a book from those on display for your reading level. Each time you review a book, the librarian will add a sticker to your "jean jacket" reading record which will be kept on file in the Children's Room until the record is filled. You will receive a patch related to the theme: in November, the theme will be **Adventure and World Travel**; in January and February, the theme will be **Animals;** and in March and April, the theme will be **Sports and the Arts.** Children not yet able to read may earn a "Read to Me" patch with adult assistance.

For each review you submit, your name will be put in a raffle for great denim prizes including jackets, book bags, and hats that are perfect for patches. Raffles will be held at each of three special programs: November 21, February 20 and April 17. The first program will feature" the funniest, the most enchanting and the tallest of tales" by David Stoeri, folk musician and storyteller, **Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 pm in the Baxter Room.**

Folk musician David Stoeri

Children's Classes

Winter session begins the week of January 4, 1999. Enrollment is limited. Morton Grove children whose names are on a waiting list will be given priority placement in the following session. Open enrollment begins December 14 for Morton Grove residents and December 21 for non-residents. Walk-in registration begins at 9:00 am. Phone registration will be taken after 9:30 am.

Library Playtime for 2 1/2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4 pm
Class limit – 15

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4 pm
Class limit - 40

Drop-in Storytime
Tuesdays at 1:30. No registration.

Battle of the Books

Fourth, fifth and sixth graders from four schools are participating in the Battle of the Books this fall. They are: East Prairie, Golf, Parkview, and St. Martha. Meets are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning at 4:00 pm in the Baxter Room. A schedule of meets is posted outside the Baxter Room door. The meets are open to all.

Artists' Exhibits at the Library

The following artists will exhibit in the Library's Baxter Room. Please stop by and view their work.

November: Artists of the Morton Grove Art Guild

December: Students of artist Laura Corona Frohm

Films

November

The Mask of Zorro (PG-13 136 min) Romance, revenge, and adventure make *The Mask of Zorro* a great story. Don Diego de la Vega has escaped from jail after 20 years and is looking for a successor, a young Zorro. His chosen prodigy is a robber, Alejandro Murieta, who is motivated by revenge for the death of his brother. The young Zorro meets Elena in each of his roles: nobleman, priest, and masked rogue. **Mon.11/16 at 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

December

Simon Birch (PG 110 min) is loosely based on John Irving's novel, *A Prayer for Owen Meany,* about a child who is born abnormally small and is neglected by his family. He is convinced that God has a special plan for him although he becomes the gadfly of his hometown. **Mon., Dec 14: 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00**

Gift Ideas

Just in time for gift-giving holidays! *The Whole Heaven Catalog* is in the Reference Department to help you find sources for food products, wines, greeting cards , and craft items made at religious, spiritual, and cooperative communities. In addition, the *Catalog* lists information about each community along with a calendar of festivals throughout the year.

Some additional gift book ideas :

Barbie: Four Decades of Fashion, Fantasy and Fun by Marco Tosa, ($19.95)

The Complete Encyclopedia of Needlework by Therese de Dillmont ($14.98)

Star Wars: Incredible Cross Sections by David West Reynolds ($19.95)

The Christmas Tree Book: A Collection of Fantasy Trees by Famous People compiled by Sharon Hays ($24.95)

Diana: The Secrets of Her Style by Diane Clehane ($30)

Living With Quilts by Phyliss George ($30)

Journey to Beloved by Oprah Winfrey ($40)

You can also find these books at the Morton Grove Public Library.

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Reference Round-up

December is the time of major religious observances: Hanukkah, Christmas, and Ramadan. For patrons who wish to learn more about religious practices in the U.S. and around the world, the Library's reference collection has many new books on this subject.

Read about the principal beliefs and history of Judaiism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, Taoism, and the Bahai faith in *Religions of the World: The Illustrated Guide to Origins, Beliefs, Traditions and Festivals.*

A popular *Dictionary of Hinduism* defines Hindu terms, gives brief biographies of notable believers, and describes pertinent historical events. Similar volumes cover Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Islam, and Shinto.

The Complete Guide to Buddhist America has information about four major Buddhist traditions. Essays about each tradition are followed by detailed listings of meditation centers across the U.S.

Over 20 Islamic religious symbols are described and illustrated with full-page photographs in *Symbols of Islam.* Learn the significance of Friday, the holy day of the Muslim week.

Additional sources include: a new edition of the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church,* the *Oxford Dictionary of Saints, The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Active New Religions, Sects, and Cults* and the first eight published volumes of the proposed 12-volume series of the *New Interpreter's Bible,*

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